



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Port and Inland Waterways Modernization Strategy: Options for the Future Environmental Listening Session/Webinar

**March 13, 2012
1:00 to 4:00 PM**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has begun work to develop the “U.S. Port and Inland Waterways Modernization Strategy: Options for the Future” in response to the Panama Canal expansion that is currently underway. The Panama Canal expansion will almost triple the size of container vessels able to transit the canal, which will affect trade to the U.S., especially along the east and Gulf coasts. As part of the strategy, the USACE will be exploring the environmental impacts resulting from the modernization of inland waterways and deep-draft ports to accommodate these larger vessels.

On March 13, 2012, the USACE will host an environmental listening session/webinar for Federal, State, and local agencies and environmental groups to identify the potential environmental impacts associated with port expansion projects along the Eastern and Gulf coasts. This session will be held at the IWR Casey Building, Conference Room 264, at 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22315.

Due to limited seating and access requirements, we are requesting registration for onsite participation. Please register by 5 pm, March 9, 2012, by emailing your name, organization, and contact information (telephone number and email) to **Portandwaterways@usace.army.mil**. For those wishing to participate via webinar, call in/webmeeting numbers will be provided by those who provide contact information.

We welcome written comments before or after the listening session. The deadline for submitting written comments is March 27, 2012. Please submit written comments via email to **Portandwaterways@usace.army.mil**.

For additional information or questions concerning this announcement, please contact Cynthia.J.Wood at 703-428-6413 or by email to Cynthia.J.Wood@usace.army.mil

For more information concerning the U.S. Port and Inland Waterways Modernization Strategy you can visit **www.iwr.usace.army.mil/portandwaterways**.